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Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on August 28, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

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Examiner Interview Summary

Applicant thanks Examiner Michael Trinh for the courtesy extended during the interview held on 19 November 2002. An interview to discuss the drawings of the instant application was conducted by telephone at the request of Applicant's representative, David R. Cochran (Reg. No. 46,632). At issue was whether the claimed features are shown in the figures through incorporation by reference to U.S. Patent 6,320,222. Examiner Trinh noted that the incorporation by reference was located only in the specification section of the continuation application under the heading "Related Applications," and that he did not see how the referenced material could be incorporated. In a follow-up telephone conversation, he further noted that the application for U.S. Patent 6,320,222 was not incorporated by reference in the original filing of the parent application to Applicant's instant application. No resolution was agreed to during the telephone interview.

Subsequently, Applicant's representative determined that the original application for the original parent of the instant application on page 1, line 1 under the heading "Related Application," recited "This application, attorney docket number 303.517US1, entitled 'Structure and Method for Reducing Threshold Voltage Variations Due to Dopant Fluctuations' by inventors Leonard Forbes and Wendell P. Noble, which is hereby incorporated by reference." Application, attorney docket number 303.517US1, was filed concurrently with the original parent of the instant application and, as a result, application, attorney docket number 303.517US1, is referenced rather than later issued U.S. Patent 6,320,222.